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Dr. Terry L. Harrison Sr.

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Dear Dr. Harrison:

SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA); FOIA TRACKING

NUMBER DON-NAVY-2014-003898

This is our final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated February 26, 2014. Your request was received in our office on March 14, 2014.

Please be advised that, as of February 1, 2014, DON joined FOIAonline as a participating agency.

Based on the information provided in your request, we have determined that this request falls outside the scope of the FOIA. The FOIA is a records retrieval statute. Under 32 CFR 701.8, government agencies are not required to answer a requester's questions or to compile a record. It appears that you are seeking information rather than records.

In an effort to assist you, we contacted the following Department of the Navy (DON) offices and received the following responses: The Navy Personnel Command (NPC) said that they would not maintain a record of numbers/metrics responsive to the subject request. The Naval Educations Training Command (NETC) said they have no responsive records. The Naval War College (NWC) and the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) said that they have no responsive records. The Commander, Naval Installations Command (CNIC) said that they have no responsive records. The Center for Personal and Professional Development (CPPD) said they have no responsive records for the time period being requested. CPPD said that the Navy College Program for Afloat College Education (NCPACE) does allow Navy Sailors the benefit of continuing their education in a deployed environment, to include remote duty stations. NCPACE provides Sailors assigned to ships and deployable commands Type 2 and 4 duties with educational opportunities comparable to those available to shore duty personnel through high-quality learning opportunities and

experiences from accredited post-secondary institutions. In addition, NCPACE open to Sailors on individual augmented assignments and other similar circumstances that are away from their homes campus, also with limited Internet connectivity like on a ship/submarine. The tuition is 100 percent and students are responsible for the cost of textbooks and related materials.

Because no responsive records were located, you are advised of your right to appeal the adequacy of the search by writing to:

Office of the Judge Advocate General 1322 Patterson Avenue, SE, Suite 3000 Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066

Your appeal must be postmarked within sixty calendar days from the date of this letter. A copy of your initial request and this letter must accompany the appeal. The appeal should be marked "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL" both on the envelope and the face of the letter. In order to expedite the appellate process and ensure full consideration of your appeal, your appeal should contain a brief statement of the reasons you believe this decision to be in error.

In light of the above, we are closing our file on this request with no further action.

In this instance, the fees associated with the processing of this request were below the minimum threshold and have not been assessed. Please be advised, however, that fees, fee categories, and fee waivers are determined on a case-by-case basis, and a previous determination has no influence on future determinations.

Questions regarding the action this office has taken during the initial processing of your request may be directed to our FOIA service center at (202) 685-0412.

Sincerely,

Robin Patterson

Head, DON FOIA/PA Program Office